

## **COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES**

### **MINUTES**

**February 11, 2015**

#### **COUNCIL**

Mark Anderson (Absent)  
Phyllis Hansell  
Alexa Heffernan  
Guy Richardson  
Kim Spading  
Roberta Yoder

#### **EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS**

Representative Joel Fry (absent)  
Representative Lisa Heddens (absent)  
Senator Amanda Ragan (absent)  
Senator Jack Whitver (absent)

#### **STAFF**

Chuck Palmer  
Sandy Knudsen  
Jen Harbison  
Rick Shults

Nancy Freudenberg  
Lisa Bender  
Jean Slaybaugh  
Julie Lovelady

#### **GUESTS**

Tony Leys, Des Moines Register  
Marilyn Althoff, Hills and Dales  
Mikki Stier, Broadlawns  
Bill Nutty, LeadingAge Iowa  
Megan Bendixen, Iowa Medical Society  
Sandi Hurtado-Peters, Iowa Department of Management

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Phyllis Hansell, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, in the first floor conference rooms of the Hoover State Office Building.

## **ROLL CALL**

All Council members were present with the exception of Anderson. Heffernan and Spading joined by conference phone. All ex-officio legislative members were absent.

## **RULES**

Nancy Freudenberg, Bureau of Policy Coordination, presented the following rules to Council:

Amendments to Chapters 51 and 52, State Supplementary Assistance. Implement annual cost of living allowances for specific areas of the state supplemental assistance program.

A motion was made by Richardson to approve and seconded by Yoder.  
**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Amendments to Chapters 110 and 170, Child Care and Child Care Assistance. Assures that child development home providers remain in compliance with applicable rules and are providing safe care to the children in their environment.

A motion was made by Yoder to approve and seconded by Richardson.  
**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Amendments to Chapter 187, Child Welfare. Allow access to aftercare services and preparation for adult living stipend to youth aging out of the Iowa State Training School and court-ordered Iowa Juvenile Detention centers.

A motion was made by Richardson to approve and seconded by Yoder.  
**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

## **REPORT OF NOTICED ACTION**

N-1 Amendments to Chapter 110, Child Care. Update requirements for first aid kits, tamper-resistant plugs, fire safety rules, for child development homes and providers.

N-2 Amendments to Chapter 110, Child Care, Update requirements for dispensing medication in a child development home. These amendments also update requirements for physical examinations of persons residing in child

development homes. Finally, these amendments clarify the maximum number of co-providers allowed for licensure in a child development home.

A motion was made by Yoder to accept the Report of Noticed Action and seconded by Richardson. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Heffernan to approve the minutes of January 14, 2015 and seconded by Spading. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

### **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (CAPPAC)**

Lisa Bender, Division of Adult, Children and Family Services, reviewed the Department recommendations regarding appointments to the Child Abuse Prevention Program Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Yoder to approve the CAPPAC appointment recommendations. Seconded by Richardson. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

### **BUDGET OVERVIEW**

Jean Slaybaugh provided the following highlights:

- The Governor's budget proposal reflects a 4% increase for the Department from State Fiscal Year 2015.
- Cost containment initiatives were reviewed
- The budget includes decreases in the CHIP program due to enhanced FMAP under the ACA
- Equalization is not funded in the Governor's budget
- The SFY16 Field budget recommendation reflects a \$6.3M decrease from SFY15
- The SFY16 General Administration budget recommendation reflects a \$1.4M decrease from SFY15

*Alexa Heffernan signed off of conference call at 11:10 a.m.*

## MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

Chuck Palmer noted that:

- Mental health care has evolved over the years and the best care is delivered through better access to psychiatrists and services in community settings.
- The Governor has not included funding for the Clarinda and Mt. Pleasant Mental Health Institutions in his proposed budget for SFY16.
- Mr. Palmer noted the importance of understanding the types of services that both these MHI's provide. Mt. Pleasant is budgeted for 9 adult psychiatric inpatient beds and Clarinda is budgeted for 15. In addition, Mt. Pleasant has the following budgeted beds: 19 for Dual Diagnosis and 50 for Substance Abuse (30-day residential substance abuse treatment program). Clarinda has 20 budgeted beds for individuals with Gero-psychiatric conditions that also require nursing level of care.
- Four beds in the Gero-psychiatric program in Clarinda are occupied by sexual offenders who will be placed in appropriate and secure settings.

Rick Shults reported the following:

- Palmer and Shults have met with key leaders of the University of Iowa Health Care to exchange information. The University of Iowa Health Care would serve in a consulting role as MHDS planning moves forward.
- Palmer and Shults have met with members of the Clarinda and Mt. Pleasant communities to listen to their concerns.
- The MHDS Regions are moving at a fast pace on core services
- The MHDS Regions ended the year in a strong financial situation

*Kim Spading signed off of the conference call at 12:10 p.m.*

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Jen Harbison reported the following:

- Senator Amanda Ragan and Representative Dave Heaton are the chairs of the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee.
- So far, DHS has made six presentations before both the Senate and the House sides of the subcommittee.
- All the DHS presentations to the subcommittee can be found on the Legislature's website.
- The Department will continue to monitor various bills on many topics including elder abuse, child care, HCBS waiver program waiting lists, child support, and appropriations.

## **MEDICAID UPDATE**

Julie Lovelady reviewed the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan:

- Two options: Iowa Wellness Plan and the Marketplace Choice Plan
- Both plans are for adults age 19 to 64
- The Iowa Wellness Plan uses a primary care case management (PCCM) program, referred to as managed care
- There are more than 85,000 members enrolled in the Iowa Wellness Plan
- The four Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) serving the Iowa Wellness Plan are: UnityPoint Health Partners, University of Iowa Health Alliance, Broadlawns Medical Center and IowaHealth+
- The Healthy Behaviors Program helps waive possible premiums for the next year of enrollment

Chuck Palmer reported on Medicaid Modernization:

- The Governor asked the department to identify options in light of the \$68M shortfall in Medicaid in SFY15
- Approximately \$50M in savings has been identified by moving Medicaid into a more managed system

- The main objectives for moving towards Medicaid modernization are: improving quality and access; promoting accountability for outcomes; and creating a more predictable and sustainable Medicaid budget
- More details will be forthcoming by the next Council meeting

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Wednesday, March 11, 2015.

A motion was made by Richardson to adjourn and seconded by Yoder. MOTION CARRIED.

Council adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by,



Sandy Knudsen  
Recording Secretary

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